

FRENCH INDO-CHINA

was effectively threatened as a means of breaking the
When Bazin was murdered in 1929, immediately an effort was
in the colony to cover up the labour conditions which had led to the
assassination, but it did not prevent the telling articles of Rofectt
PouMne from appearing in *Le Temps*. It was early recognized that the
only way of obtaining satisfaction and redress in the colony was by
campaigning in France. In 1900 the *Affaire lukanthor* was thrashed
out in the French press through articles and revelations in the
and the *Maim*. The press then made it impossible for the government
to muzzle the whole affair.

*The colonial press is nothing like so strong, because of its
finances and censorship, and it 'Cannot perform an analogous function
for which its greater proximity and information facilities in the colony
would seem to have marked it. Annamite nationalists have touted
France, lecturing to sympathetic audiences on their compatriots'¹
grievances. The spontaneity of French approval for any
movement, even in their colonies, explains the government's
to paint the Yenbay uprisings as a 'Communist plot—but even the
Communists plead their cause at the bar of French opinion. In 1919
Nguyen-Ai-Quoc, the future leader of Indo-Chinese Communism[^]
launched a bitter attack in *L'Humaais* against the colonial administration.
Nguyen An-Ninh, editor of the gadfly paper, *La Cloche*
thought it was useless to work through colonials for reform, but he
'did not despair of establishing relations with Metropolitan liberals.
Appeals for clemency for the Yenbay prisoners were made in
Louis Roubaud scot by the *Petit Pttrmm* to investigate the situation*

Two other journalists, Reni Vanlande and Andree
 Viollis, contributed
 through their documentary reporting to the liberal
 cause. As in
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